World Bank aided projects in MP and Gujarat

†2577. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mahi Project was initiated with the assistance of the World Bank in the district of Jhabua in Madhya Pradesh and Panchmahal in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the work to complete this project is being delayed excessively;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when this project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) There is one ongoing major irrigation project names 'Mahi Project' across river Mahi benefiting Jhabua and Dhar Districts of Madhya Pradesh and another completed major irrigation project by the same name 'Mahi Project', whose stage-II is also known as "Kadana Project" which benefits Panchmahal District of Gujarat. While Mahi project of Madhya Pradesh has not received any financial assistance from the World Bank, the Kadana project of Gujarat received assistance of US $35 million from the World Bank during the period July 1970 to September 1976.

(c) and (d) The Kadana Project of Gujarat was completed in the Sixth Plan whereas the Mahi Project of MP was started in the year 1979 and its completion has been delayed, mainly due to insufficient allocation of funds to the project by the State Government. From the last financial year, this project has been provided Central Loan Assistance (CLA) under "Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP)" and an amount of Rs. 2.17 crore has been released during 2000-2001.

(e) The completion of the projects is linked to the provision of adequate funds by the State Government.

Funds for Ichampalli Project

2578. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assured Andhra Pradesh Government that

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